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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

I. Please replace the paragraph on page 1, lines 8-22, with the following amended paragraph:

There are a wide variety of bedding goods such as pillows, beds and the like. In order to ~~please be pleasing~~ to the eyes, it is ~~used~~ known to add a cover on the bedding. Take the commonly used pillow as an example, ~~it~~ [[. It]] can be ~~clarified~~ classified as a hard pillow and a soft pillow. Referring to FIG. 1, a hard pillow 1 generally includes a body 11 and a cover 12 for encasing the body 11. The cover 12 is made from woven rattan, bamboo and the like. It has good air permeability and can help in dispersing body heat from the head 10 to soothe users without excessive sweating or sweltering. It is more suitable for using in summer. However, it is not suitable for using in winter when the weather is cold. As a result, its applicability is limited. ~~They~~ These covers cannot be changed ~~by~~ in accordance with the changing weather from season to season. Meanwhile, the hard pillow made of hard material is not universally acceptable to all users.

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II. Please replace the paragraph on page 2, lines 7-15, with the following amended paragraph:

In addition to the aforesaid concerns ~~incurred~~ attributed to the pillow 1 or 2, such as comfort, being nice and cool, cleaning of sweat stains and removing of sweat smell, every user generally has to prepare two sorts of pillows to meet the requirements of seasonal changes. The single function of the presently known pillows ~~often brings inconvenience~~ are inconvenient. Moreover, cover replacement for the soft pillow 2 is often limited to pattern alterations. It does not have much versatility. There is still room for improvement.

III. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 2, line 21, and ending on page 3, line 8, with the following amended paragraph:

According to this invention, it includes a body and a cover encasing the body. The cover has a bottom cover and an upper cover ~~coupling with~~ coupled to the bottom cover. The bottom cover has an opening which has a coupling section on the periphery thereof. The upper cover has a plurality of spaced blocks and a connecting section corresponding to the coupling section. Hence the upper cover

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and the bottom cover may be coupled through the coupling section and the connecting section to facilitate replacement of the upper cover depending on different seasons, thereby ~~enhance~~ enhancing the practicality and versatility of the bedding. The blocks on the upper cover are laid and spaced from one another so that there is a passage between any two neighboring blocks to ~~ventilate~~ provide ventilation air and improve air permeability and comfort in use.

IV. Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 3, line 11, and ending on page 4, line 2, with the following amended paragraph:

The accompanying drawing ~~is~~ figures are included to provide a further understanding of the invention, and ~~is~~ are incorporated in and ~~constitutes~~ constitute a part of this specification. The drawings illustrate ~~illustrates~~ an embodiment of the invention and, together with the description, ~~serves~~ serve to explain the principles of the invention. In the drawing,

FIG. 1 is a schematic view of a conventional hard pillow in use;

FIG. 2 is a schematic view of a conventional soft pillow in use;

FIG. 3 is an exploded, perspective view illustrating ~~on~~ a pillow according to the present invention;

FIG. 4 is a perspective view of the pillow according to the present invention;

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FIG. 5 is a schematic view illustrating a cross-section of the pillow while in use, according to the present invention in use;

FIG.6 is an exploded, perspective view illustrating an application of the present invention on a bed; and

FIG. 7 is a perspective view of the bed including the replaceable bedding structure according to the present invention in use.

V. Please replace the five consecutive paragraphs beginning on page 4, line 11, and ending on page 6, line 17, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring to FIGS. 3 and 4, ~~it~~ there is shown an embodiment of a replaceable bedding structure 3 for winter and summer use according to the invention. It mainly includes a body 31 and a cover 32 for encasing the body 31. The body 31 in this embodiment is a pillow which is a solid substance filled with a foamed material.

Additionally ~~Also~~ referring to FIG. 5, the cover 32 has a bottom cover 33 and an upper cover 34 ~~coupling with~~ coupled to the bottom cover 33. The body 31 may be encased in the bottom cover 33. The bottom cover 33 has an opening 331 which has a coupling section 332 on the periphery. In this embodiment, the coupling section 332 is a zipper. The upper cover 34 has a base 341, a plurality of spaced

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blocks 342 laid on the base 341 with each block 342 interconnected by connection threads 343, and a connecting section 344 located on the outer periphery of the base 341. The blocks 342 are made of flat bamboos or spherical balls and the like. Only flat bamboos are shown in the drawings. The connecting section 344 (a zipper is used in this embodiment) is located on a position corresponding to the coupling section 332 for engaging with each other so that the upper cover 34 and the bottom cover 33 are coupled to encase the body 31.

Referring to FIGS. 4 and 5, when in use, as the pillow is filled with a foamed material, it is soft and more acceptable to general users. As the upper cover 34 is coupled through a zipper, it is easier and faster to be changed. Thus practicality and versatility of the bedding ~~can~~ can be improved to overcome the shortcoming of less versatility ~~occurred to~~ of the conventional pillow 1 (or 2). Users can replace the required upper cover 34 according to seasonal reasons or personal preference, such as a plain fabric material (not shown in the drawings) which can be used in winter for warming, and the upper cover 34 with a plurality of blocks 342 can be used in summer for cooling. The spaced blocks 342 on the upper cover 34 and passages 345 formed between two neighboring blocks 342 enable the pillow to ~~sink~~ compress as desired when in use. The passages 345 can further ~~ventilate~~ provide ventilation air to improve air permeability and comfort when people lie thereon.

Referring to FIG. 6, ~~it is for~~ another embodiment of the replaceable bedding

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structure according to the invention is shown. It has a body 4 encased by a cover 32. The cover 32, besides changes of dimension and appearance, has a base 341 and blocks 342 located thereon in a spaced manner as the previous embodiment. Thus details are omitted. It is to be noted that the body 4 of this embodiment is ~~adopted~~ a mattress for use on a bed containing a spring (not shown in the drawing).

Referring to FIG. 7, when in use, the connecting section 344 of the upper cover 34 can be coupled with the coupling section 332 of the bottom cover 33. Thus it is convenient, and the upper cover 34 can be replaced by personal preference. It is more versatile and can overcome the shortcoming of limited adaptability ~~occurred to~~ of the conventional bedcover. Moreover, when it is hot in the summer, the upper cover 34 can be replaced by the one made of bamboo to improve air permeability and comfort. In the winter when the weather is cold, the upper cover 34 can be changed to the one made of fabrics to maintain a warm temperature. Thus it has a greater practicality. And people do not have to prepare one bedcover for winter and another bedcover for summer. It solves the shortcoming of the general bedcover that has only a single function.